PROCEEDINGS

AT THE

ANNUAL and other MEETINGS

OF THE

SCOTS SOCIETY

IN

NORWICH, in 1778, 1779 and 1780.

Published by the ORDER,

AND FOR THE

BENEFIT of the SOCIETY.

NORWICH:
Printed by R. BEATNIFFE, in the Cockey Lane, 1780.

Annual Meeting, Nov. 30, 1778.

THE Society, actuated by the original motives and principles of its inſtitution, and finding its fund already increaſed beyond its expectations, by the generoſity of its Governor, and the liberality of its Members and Aſſociates:

RESOLVE,

That as ſoon as the capital fund of the ſociety ſhall amount to the ſum of One Hundred Pounds and upwards, with the proſpect of increaſe, the ſociety may, and ſhall extend its charity to all the ſubjects of Great Britain, and the natives of every foreign nation reſiding in England, when in diſtreſs, and not entitled to relief by the laws thereof, in the ſame manner, and under the ſame regulations, as has been heretofore granted to the natives of Scotland.

Extraordinary Meeting, Auguſt 2, 1779.

THE Preſident informed the ſociety, that this extraordinary meeting was ſummoned in conſequence of a letter from the Right Hon. the Earl of Roſebery, Governor of this ſociety, directed to the Preſident and Steward; which letter being read, informed the ſociety that his Lordſhip had ordered a benefaction of Fifty Pounds for its uſe, and to enable it to extend the charity thereof to all the ſubjects of Great Britain, and the natives of every foreign nation reſiding in England, who may ſtand in need of aſſiſtance, and are not entitled to it by the laws of England, according to the reſolution made at the laſt annual meeting; which benefaction of fifty pounds, added to the fifty-three pounds in the hands of Meſſrs. Gurney, raiſes the capital fund of the ſociety above the ſum which was judged ſufficient to begin its general charity.

The ſociety having taken into conſideration the contents of the Right Hon. the Earl of Roſebery's letter, and being of opinion, that agreeable to his Lordſhip's wiſh, the deſigns of this ſociety ſhould be laid before the public, the following draught of an advertiſement was approved of.

"Whereas

" Whereas the natives of that part of Great Britain called Scotland, thoſe of Ireland, America, and all foreign nations reſiding in England, who have not obtained pariſh ſettlements therein, are excluded from legal relief in caſes of ſickneſs or want; and many have been, and hereafter may be expoſed to great difficulties and danger on that account,

" To remedy this defect in ſome meaſure, a ſociety has been lately formed in Norwich, and ſupported by voluntary ſubſcription, for the benefit of the natives of Scotland only, many of whom have been effectually relieved by it when in great diſtreſs.

" This ſociety having lately received a conſiderable benefaction, and hoping to meet with further encouragement from the benevolent and humane, has reſolved to extend its charity to the natives of all other nations reſiding in England, who may need relief (if it ſhould appear that their diſtreſs is occaſioned by ſickneſs or other unavoidable misfortunes) and are not entitled to it by law."

Ordered, That a copy of this advertiſement be tranſmitted to the Right Hon. the Earl of Roſebery for his concurrence, and publiſhed when the Preſident and Steward ſhall think proper in the Norwich news-papers.

Ordered, That his Lordſhip be humbly requeſted, as Governor of this ſociety, to make known the

the inſtitution, deſigns, and views of this ſociety in Scotland in ſuch manner as he ſhall pleaſe to direct.

The Preſident paid to the ſociety two guineas, as a benefaction from Charles Anneſley, Eſq. one of the aſſociates of this ſociety, being about to return to Ireland,

Ordered, That the thanks of this ſociety be given to Charles Anneſley, Eſq. for his generous benefaction,

Ordered alſo, That Charles Anneſley, Eſq. be requeſted to act as agent for this ſociety in Ireland, on his return to that kingdom.

Ordered, That proper information of the above order, with inſtructions and directions, be tranſmitted to the ſeveral agents of this ſociety as ſoon as may be convenient.

Copy of a letter ſent to the following agents of this ſociety.

Malcolm Macqueen, M. D. Yarmouth.
Capt. James Henderſon, Wells, Norfolk.
Capt. Charles Anneſley, Ireland.
Mr. George Pringle, Surgeon, Reepham.
Mr. Cyprian Sterry, Merchant, N. America.
Mr. Thomas Sword, London.
Mr. Edward Cairns, Birmingham.
Mr. James Anderſon, Bungay.

SIR,

SIR,

BY an order made at an extraordinary meeting of the Scots Society in Norwich, the 2d inſtant, I am directed to inform you, that the ſtock of the ſociety, by a late benefaction from its Governor, the Right Hon. the Earl of Roſebery, is now upwards of 100l. Agreeable to the reſolution of the laſt annual meeting, the ſociety intends ſpeedily to extend its charity to all the ſubjects of Great Britain, and the natives of every foreign nation reſiding in England, who may fall into diſtreſs by ſickneſs, or other unavoidable misfortune, and are not entitled to it by law; in the ſame manner as has been granted to thoſe of Scotland for ſome time paſt.

As ſoon as proper inſtructions and forms of keeping accounts are prepared, they will be ſent to you; in the mean while you will pleaſe to give public notice of this improvement of the ſociety's plan, and receive ſuch ſubſcriptions and benefactions as ſhall be offered to you for the uſe of the ſociety, that it may be the better enabled to carry the charitable deſigns thereof into execution.

I am, Sir, &c. &c.

R. C. Clerk.

Auguſt 12, 1779.

Annual

Annual Meeting, Nov. 30, 1779.

THE ſociety being met, and the accounts and proceedings of the laſt year read, it appeared,

1. That the balance in favour of the ſociety at the laſt annual meeting was 53 0 ●

2. That the money received in the courſe of the year, including intereſt, amounts to — — 61 0 3¾

£ 114 0 3¾

3. That the expence of the preſent year has been — — 9 3 2

4. That a balance remains to the ſociety of — — £ 104 17 1¾

5. That ſix objects of charity*, natives of North Britain, not belonging to any pariſh in England, nor entitled to relief from any other charity, had been relieved, one of which† had died, and was buried at the expence of the ſociety.

6. That

* Akeon, Macniel, Lindſey, Young, Welch, and Campbell.

† Macniel.

6. That two objects belonging to the army†, likewiſe natives of North Britain, have been relieved, namely, Robert Molliſon, of the 22d regiment, having a wife and two children, and both he and his wife ſick; and David Paton, of the 40th regiment, who having eſcaped from a French priſon, was in the greateſt diſtreſs, and wanted money to maintain him until he ſhould join his regiment.

7. That three objects, natives of Ireland*, and not belonging to any pariſh in England, nor entitled to relief from any other charity, have been relieved in conſequence of the order made at the laſt annual meeting.

All the diſburſements, expences, and the proceedings of the ſociety of the paſt year, with the proper vouchers being ſtrictly examined, were unanimouſly approved of.

Ordered, That Sir William Jerningham, Bart. propoſed at the laſt meeting, be admitted an aſſociate of this ſociety.

Ordered, That the Rev. Mr. Arnam, chaplain of this ſociety, be at his own requeſt admitted an aſſociate thereof.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomas Cairns, Mr. Thomas Sword, and Mr. John Maxwell, members of

 this

† Molliſon, Paton. * Hamilton, Dent and wife—in all 11.

this ſociety reſiding in London, be appointed agents thereof jointly and ſeverally in London, or wherever elſe they or any of them may reſide for the time being.

Ordered, That the above Thomas Cairns, Thomas Sword, and John Maxwell, be conſtituted a branch of this ſociety, by the name and title of "The Firſt Branch of the Scots Society in Norwich."

Ordered, That a copy of this minute, with proper inſtructions, be ſent to the ſaid members.

A petition of William Gladſtone, a native of North Britain, and late a ſerjeant of the 67th regiment of foot, requiring relief, was read, as alſo a certificate from the miniſter and church-wardens of the pariſh of Beccles, in Suffolk, together with a teſtimonial from the miniſter and elders of the pariſh of Dalkeith, in Scotland, certifying the good character and behaviour of the ſaid Gladſtone, and it appearing that he is at preſent in great diſtreſs and want:

Ordered, That ten ſhillings be ſent him for his immediate relief.

Ordered, That it be requeſted of the ſaid miniſter and church-wardens of the ſaid pariſh of Beccles, that they apply to ſome ſurgeon of eminence to give his opinion in the caſe of the ſaid Gladſtone, whether

whether he is likely to receive relief from medicine or ſurgery.

Ordered, That the Steward of this ſociety ſubſcribe two guineas to the Norfolk and Norwich Hoſpital, in order to enable the ſociety to recommend any object of its charity to be admitted to the ſaid hoſpital when needful; to be continued yearly, as the annual meeting ſhall direct.

Ordered, That a grateful and reſpectful mention be annually made of John Gurney of Norwich, lately deceaſed, who was the firſt aſſociate of this ſociety; a man of univerſal charity, active virtue, and exemplary manners.

The Preſident read to the ſociety a draught of new articles and regulations, adapted to the preſent extended plan thereof.

Ordered, That the ſaid articles and regulations be reviſed, and laid before the ſociety at the next quarterly meeting, with ſuch improvements as may be found needful,; and that the ſaid meeting be authoriſed and empowered to cauſe the ſame to be printed.

The Preſident before he quitted the chair addreſſed the ſociety according to annual cuſtom; took notice of the gradual increaſe, improvement, reputation, and uſefulneſs thereof; of the advantages like-

ly to accrue to it by communicating its plan to the public; of the conduct neceſſary to be obſerved, and recommended ſteadineſs, circumſpection, moderation, and unanimity, in a diſcourſe of ſome length.*

The buſineſs of the preceding year being finiſhed, the offices of the Governor, Preſident, Steward, Chaplain and Clerk, were ſucceſſively declared vacant.

The office of Governor being declared vacant,

Ordered unanimouſly, That the moſt reſpectful and grateful thanks of this ſociety be preſented to the Right Hon. the Earl of Roſebery, for his generous benefactions to, and continued regard for this ſociety, and that his Lordſhip be requeſted to do it the honour of being Governor for the year enſuing.

The Preſident having propoſed Sir William Jerningham, Bart. to be Deputy Governor, agreeable to the new articles, he was unanimonſly elected accordingly.

The offices of Preſident, Steward, Chaplain and Clerk, being ſucceſſively declared vacant:

Ordered unanimouſly, That the thanks of this ſociety be given to the ſeveral gentlemen who filled thoſe

* Now publiſhed.

thoſe offices with ſo much diligence and ability, and that they be requeſted again to accept of their reſpective offices for the enſuing year.

The Preſident, Steward, Chaplain and Clerk, being preſent, accepted of and entered upon their reſpective offices immediately.

The ſociety then proceeded to ſubſcription, which amounting to 13l. 9s. makes the ſtock of the ſociety 118l. 6s. 1d.¼

Ordered, That the ſum of 10l. 0s. 5d. be lodged with Meſſrs. Gurney, bankers in Norwich, which added to 103l. 19s. 7d. now in their hands, makes in all 115l.

Ordered, That the Preſident and Steward acquaint the Right Hon. the Earl of Roſebery and Sir William Jerningham, Bart. of their being elected Governor and Deputy Governor of this ſociety, and requeſt that they will be pleaſed to honour the ſociety by their acceptance of thoſe offices reſpectively.

Ordered, That the firſt Quarterly Meeting be on January 5, 1780, when the times of the other ſtated meetings for the enſuing year ſhall be appointed.

Ordered, That the Governor, Deputy Governor, Preſident, and Steward of this ſociety, or any two of

of them, be empowered, and they are hereby empowered, to take ſuch ſteps and meaſures from time to time, between the appointed meetings, as they ſhall find needful and proper, to promote the intereſt of the ſociety, and that they lay their proceedings before the enſuing meetings for their examination, direction and coutroul, to which they are to be ſubject.

Firſt Quarterly Meeting, Jan. 5, 1780.

THE minutes of the laſt annual meeting were read according to order.

The Preſident read the articles propoſed at the laſt annual meeting, for the government and management of the ſociety in its preſent extended and more comprehenſive ſtate, which were unanimouſly approved of.

Ordered, That the Preſident and Steward cauſe the ſame to be printed, by ſuch perſon, in ſuch manner, and in ſuch a number of copies as they ſhall think neceſſary.

The Steward informed the ſociety that William Young, who had formerly been relieved, had again applied,

applied, and that as he ſeemed to be in a dying ſtate, he (the ſteward) had applied to the Court of Guardians in Norwich to admit the ſaid Young into one of the city workhouſes, and that the court had agreed to receive him at two ſhillings a week.

The Steward alſo informed the ſociety, that John Grant, a native of North Britain, and not entitled to the charity of any pariſh in England, had applied for relief, and been ſupplied at different times with 7s. 6d. but finding him ſick, and in want of neceſſaries, he had agreed with the Court of Guardians to receive the ſaid Grant likewiſe at two ſhillings per week.

The caſe of William Gladſtone, relieved at the laſt meeting, being taken into conſideration, and it appearing by a letter from Mr. Carter, Surgeon, at Beccles, and the report of Mr. Anderſon, the agent to the ſociety at Bungay, that the ſaid Gladſtone having been diſcharged incurable from an hoſpital in London, is not likely to receive benefit from Surgery, and being an object the more worthy of charity for having ſerved his country in the capacity of a ſoldier:

Ordered, That the ſaid William Gladſtone be relieved at the rate of two ſhillings a week until the next quarterly meeting, and that Mr. Anderſon be requeſted to pay the ſame in ſuch manner as he ſhall think proper.

Samuel Hamilton, a native of Ireland, formerly relived by this ſociety, having applied for further relief:

Ordered, That the ſaid Samuel Hamilton be recommended to the Court of Guardians to be ſent to the workhouſe, and continued there at the expence of the ſociety as long as he ſhall chuſe to abide, or the ſociety ſhall think proper to direct.

William and Bridget Dent, alſo natives of Ireland, and formerly relieved by this ſociety, having again applied for relief, and it appearing that they are ancient people, infirm, paſt their labour, and unwilling to go to the workhouſe:

Ordered, That the Steward pay them two ſhillings a week until the next meeting, or as long as the Preſident and he ſhall think proper.

James Anderſon, a member of this ſociety, and agent at Bungay, gave information of the death of James Ireland, one of the firſt members of the ſociety, an honeſt and induſtrious man.

The Preſident read to the ſociety the addreſs delivered at the annual meeting, with additions.

Ordered, That the ſaid addreſs be printed at the ſame time with the new articles of the ſociety, if it can be done conveniently.

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The Steward produced to the ſociety an account of expences ſince laſt meeting, amounting to 1l. 15s. 2d.¾ which was allowed.

The ſum of one Guinea and a half was received this meeting as ſubſcriptions.

At the concluſion of the evening a ſmall ſum was depoſited in the hands of the Steward, as the beginning of a private fund for the benefit of the Members and Aſſociates of this Society.

Second Quarterly Meeting, March 21, 1780.

THE Preſident informed the ſociety that Sir William Jerningham, Bart. had accepted the office of Deputy Governor to this ſociety.

The Steward informed the ſociety that Samuel Hamilton had declined accepting the offer of being ſent to the workhouſe.

The Steward alſo informed the ſociety of the deaths of William Young and John Grant, ſent by their order to the Norwich workhouſe, and produced an account from the Court of Guardians for their board

and funeral charges of 2l. 4s. which was unanimouſly approved of and allowed.

Ordered, That the thanks of the ſociety be given to the Court of Guardians in Norwich, for their humanity and kindneſs to the objects recommended to their care, and that the clerk inform Mr. Aldred of the ſame.

The Steward delivered to the ſociety an account of ſundry diſburſements, amounting to 8l. 8s. 2d. which was approved of and allowed.

Bridget, the wife of William Dent, appeared, and informed the ſociety, that they owed the ſum of 1l. 3s. to their landlord, who threatens to ſeize on their property unleſs enabled to diſcharge that debt, which they could not do without aſſiſtance.

Ordered, That the Steward pay to the landlord of the ſaid Dent the above ſum of 1l. 3s. in lieu of their ſubſiſtance money for the enſuing quarter.

Ordered, That two ſhillings per week be continued to William Gladſtone at Beccles until the next quarterly meeting, and that the clerk inform Mr. Anderſon, the agent in that neighbourhood, of the ſame.

The Preſident informed the ſociety that a branch thereof had been formed in London on the 2d of laſt month,

month, at which were preſent three members, who admitted three others, they paying one guinea each as their annual ſubſcription.

Ordered, That the Preſident and Steward correſpond with the above branch, at ſuch times and in ſuch manner as they ſhall find needful.

The Preſident read to the ſociety an abſtract of the proceedings of the annual meeting of 1778 and 1779, and firſt quarterly meeting of 1780.

Ordered, That the ſaid abſtracts, and the addreſs read at the laſt quarterly meeting, with ſuch part of the proceedings of the preſent meeting as may be judged proper, be printed, and ſubmitted to the Governor and Deputy Governor, and with their approbation publiſhed, in ſuch manner as they and the Preſident and Steward ſhall think proper.

The Clerk informed the ſociety, that William Frears, an aſſociate thereof, had married a native of Scotland ſince the laſt meeting.

Ordered, That the ſaid William Frears be admitted a member, agreeable to the ſecond article.

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The balance due to the fociety at the laft meeting was — —	117	11	4½
Received fince laft and this meeting	9	11	6
	127	2	10½
Expences fince laft meeting —	8	8	2
	118	14	8½
Remain in the hands of the Firft Branch	3	3	0
Total Stock of the Society	121	17	8½
Sum of the Private Fund laft meeting	0	1	4
Added at this — —	0	5	2
Total of the Private Fund	0	6	6